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## ***WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST MONTH***

**SIoux FALLS, JULY 11, 2008** – The South Dakota July 1 **winter wheat** production is forecast at 82.6 million bushels, up slightly from the June 1 forecast, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The yield, at 48 bushels, is up 1 bushel from the June 1 forecast, equaling last year's record yield. Harvested area, at 1.72 million acres, is down 2 percent from the June 1 forecast and down 260,000 acres from last year's record of 1.98 million acres.

**Other spring wheat** production is forecast at 65.1 million bushels, up 25 percent from 2007. The yield, forecast at 42 bushels per acre, is up 3 bushels from last year's yield. Acres intended for harvest, at 1.55 million, are up 16 percent from last year.

**Oat** production, at 7.59 million bushels, is down 18 percent from last year. The yield is forecast at 69 bushels, down 5 bushels from last year's yield. Acres harvested for grain are forecast at 110,000, down 15,000 acres from 2007.

**Barley** production is forecast at 1.84 million bushels, up 59 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 46 bushels per acre, up 6 bushels from last year. Acres intended for harvest, at 40,000, are up 11,000 acres from last year.

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